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1. EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE ROC NAVY THAT USG HAS GIVEN IN-

FORMAL CONSIDERATION TO QUERY (REFTEL) ON POSSIBILITY ROC NAVY SHIP VISITS TO TTPI PORTS. GIVEN HIGHLY SENSITIVE CHARACTER OF ONGOING FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING RELATED ISSUE OF BOTH THIRD COUNTRY AND US DEFENSE ACTIVITIES IN MICRONESIA, WE BELIEVE VISITS BY ROC NAVY SHIPS COULD HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES NOT ONLY IN MICRONESIA BUT ALSO FOR US POSITION IN UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL. WE THEREFORE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF ROC NAVY COULD REFRAIN FROM REQUESTING FORMAL PERMISSION FOR VISITS TO TTPI PORTS. ASIDE FROM ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, ENROACHMENTS IN TTPI WATERS BY TAIWANESE FISHING VESSELS IN RECENT YEARS, (INCLUDING RECENT SEIZURE OF FISHING VESSELS IN PALAU DISTRICT), COULD RESULT IN HOSTILE RECEPTION IN TTPI PORTS FOR ANY ROC NAVY SHIPS.

2. FYI. SINCE PRC REPLACED ROC IN UN, PRC HAS REFRAINED

FROM TAKING ITS SEAT ON UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL -- ON EXCUSE THAT PRC MISSION IN NEW YORK THUS FAR INADEQUATELY STAFFED TO TAKE ON THIS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. ABSENCE OF PRC FROM ANNUAL TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS HAS, OF COURSE, REDOUNDED TO OUR ADVANTAGE; WE WISH TAKE NO ACTION WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE EARLIER PRC PARTICIPATION IN COUNCIL THAN MIGHT OTHERWISE BE THE CASE. ROC NAVY PORT VISITS IN TTPI COULD BE THE KIND OF EVENT WHICH WOULD PRECIPITATE IMMEDIATE PRC TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL PARTICIPATION AND ALSO CREATE UNNECESSARY IRRITANT IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH PRC. END FYI. RUSH

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